



Good Friday ~ Tenebrae

7 April 2023 + 7:00 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church & School

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*Please gather in this evening in silence,
reflecting upon Jesus' sacrificial death for you.*

A warm welcome to all our guests!

Please sign our guest book in the narthex and let us know how we can serve you. We are glad you are here!



On this most holy day your Savior endured suffering and death by crucifixion. Why? He loves you and wants you to live forever with Him. You know this because He, Who deserved death the least, gave His own life to ransom you from your captors—sin, death, and the devil. There is nothing more amazing than this—that the sinless Son of God takes our mortal flesh and submits to temporal death so that we might forever live in bodies immortal and glorified as holy children of God! Therefore, we do not observe **GOOD FRIDAY** as a *funeral* for Christ. It is finished, along with our salvation. Rather, we gather to repent of our sins and receive the forgiveness that Jesus won for us upon Calvary's cross.

You are invited to make use of the following to guide your prayer and meditation before today's service:

- **PRAYERS FOR WORSHIP** on the hymnal's inside cover,
- The **GOOD FRIDAY** hymns (447-455),
- The penitential **PSALMS** (6, 32, 36, 38, 43, 51),
- Or the **PSALMS** (2, 22, 27) designated for **GOOD FRIDAY**.

Tenebrae is Latin for "shadows." After the introductory versicles and prayers, the service consists of the reading of the **PASSION OF OUR LORD** in sections followed by a hymn. After each reading a candle in the chancel is extinguished and the lights in the church are gradually dimmed. After the last candle is extinguished comes the strepitus—a sound that symbolizes the sealing of the tomb of Our Lord.



The congregation and pastor enter in silence.

Please stand

Opening Versicles

P O Lord, open my lips,
C **and my mouth will declare your praise.**

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
Praise to you, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Sentences of Devotion

P He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement for our peace was upon Him.

C **WITH HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED.**

P Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **AMEN.**

P All we like sheep have gone astray,

C **AND THE LORD HAS LAID UPON HIM THE INIQUITY OF US ALL.**

P Almighty and most merciful God, give us grace so to contemplate the Passion of our Lord that we may find in it the forgiveness of our sins; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C. **AMEN.**

Psalms 130 (*prayed responsively by whole verse*)

Please be seated

Hymn #436 (v. 1 - 4) ~ Go to Dark Gethsemane

<p>THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN</p>

I. St. John 18:28-40

Hymn #439 (v. 1-2) ~ *O Dearest Jesus, What Law Has Thou Broken*

(The first candle is extinguished.)

II. St. John 19:1-16

Hymn #449 (v. 1-2) ~ *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

(The second candle is extinguished.)

III. St. John 19:17-24

Hymn #453 (v. 1, 4-5) ~ *Upon the Cross Extended*

(The third candle is extinguished.)

IV. St. John 19:25-30

HYMN: # 428 ~ *Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow*

(The fourth candle is extinguished.)

V. St. John 19:31-37

After the final reading:

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn # 435 (v. 1 - 3) ~ *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

(The fifth candle is extinguished.)

The Responsory

P We have an advocate with the Father;
Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

C He was delivered up to death;
He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven
and whose sin is put away.

C **He was delivered up to death;**
He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P We have an advocate with the Father;
Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

C **He was delivered up to death;**
He was delivered for the sins of the people.

(The sixth candle is extinguished.)

Hymn #607 ~ From Depths of Woe

The Sermon

Divine Forgetfulness

The Consecration of the Offering

Please stand

The Prayers

P Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Christ, have mercy.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

P Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom

and the power and the glory

forever and ever. Amen

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men and to suffer death on the cross; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Almighty and everlasting God, who willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary, help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may receive remission of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, who at the evening hour did rest in the tomb, and thereby sanctified the grave to be a bed of hope for your people: Make us abound in sorrow for our sins, which were the cause of your Passion, that when our bodies rest in the dust, our souls may live with you; who reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

C Amen.

P We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

C BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD.

The Last Reading ~ St. John 19:38-42

The last candle is extinguished. Then comes the strepitus—a sound that symbolizes the sealing of the tomb of Our Lord.

All is dark and silent for a time of meditation and prayer.

Hymn: # 425 ~ When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The congregation leaves in silence under minimal light.

*Tonight's service is part of one continuous liturgy known as the **TRIDUUM** (Three Days). There is no Benediction or greeting because our worship continues with the Vigil of Easter on Saturday (7p.m.). On Sunday we will conclude the Vigil at our Easter Sunrise Service (7:00 a.m.) and celebrate the Festival of the Resurrection of our Lord (9:00 a.m.).*



Serving Zion This Evening

Elder: Nathan Gaunt

Acolyte: Addison Splittgerber

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht

Usher: Steve Junge

Engineer: Jared Nuttelman

Organist: Teresa Leising

Holy Week Schedule

+ Saturday - The Vigil of Easter (Part 1) ~ 7 p.m. +

+ Sunday - Easter Sunrise Vigil (Part 2) ~ 7 a.m. +

+ Sunday - Continental Breakfast ~ 8 a.m. +

+ Sunday - The Festival of Our Lord's Resurrection ~ 9 a.m. +

No Sunday School or Adult Bible Class this Sunday.